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REMARKS

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1. On 25 November 1950, a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets was the only soldier observed at the barracks installation on Marstallstrasse, Ludwigslust (M 5h/T 53). A local resident stated that not more than 200 to 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were quartered there.

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2. The four apartment houses on the west side of Highway No 103, about 300 meters north of the Ludwigslust-Techentin railroad line, were previously occupied, but seemed deserted now.
3. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, were stationed at the Techentin airfield. No tanks or other heavy weapons were seen. About 15 soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, received training in firing at the target range. Twenty unarmed soldiers practiced movements in the terrain on the southwestern edge of the field. Eight to 10 trucks, each with five or six driver trainees wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were also seen in that area. All trucks had the number 15 in a white circle painted on their windshields. The same trucks which had been seen entering the barracks installation on Marstallstrasse were identified among them.

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- * ☐ Comment. Reporting for the first time, source did not furnish a clear picture of the situation in Ludwigslust at the end of November. Although source observed only little activity, it is believed that the elements of the 18th Lecz Div which are stationed in Ludwigslust were at the post at that time.

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